

**CITY OF ELKO**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER MEETING - STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)**  
**3:30 P.M. PDT, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY of ELKO BUILDING DEPARTMENT**  
**1753 COLLEGE AVENUE, ELKO, NV**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dennis Strickland, Chairman, called the Stormwater Advisory Board meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Dennis Strickland, Chairman  
Bob Thibault  
Reece Keener

**Excused:** Jason Demaline

**City Staff:** Paul Algerio, Water Department

**Others:** Lana Carter, Carter Engineering  
Cindy Neisess, NDOT  
Mo Gobena, NDOT  
Mark Malloy, Ruby Dome

**COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

Bob Thibault said the City Council appointed Dennis Strickland as the new Chairman of the Stormwater Advisory Committee.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

February 27, 2018 – Regular Session **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**\*\* A motion was made by Bob Thibault, seconded by Dennis Strickland, to approve the minutes of February 27, 2018.**

*The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)*

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

B. Review, consideration and discuss ongoing interfacing items with the Nevada Department of Transportation, and matters related thereto. **DISCUSSION**

Cindy Neisess, NDOT, said we have a new assistant district engineer for the new Elko sub district. There are two divisions; headquarters is normally involved with outreach and the districts work with right-of-way issues and permits. Overall, everyone is involved with compliance of the MS4 permit.

Our right-of-way division is also working with Adeline Thibault on the overlaps between the City of Elko and NDOT when it comes to stormwater issues.

Dennis Strickland felt the collaboration was working well.

Ms. Neisess said on Lamoille Highway from 5<sup>th</sup> Street, the prison crew was cleaning lots of material out of that ditch.

Mo Gobena said there was a fence project along the airport that they had to deal with weed issues but other than that, they were nearing the end of construction season.

Ms. Neisess said commercial development was also wrapping up.

Bob Thibault said he wanted to discuss the proposed design for the NDOT backyard. He asked if they were involved with that.

Mr. Gobena said it was going out to bid but we didn't give our input on the actual design.

Mr. Thibault said there is a pre-treatment vault of some sort going in and it was proposed to be released into the street. Typically, anything that requires pre-treatment usually is piped to our sewer system.

Mr. Strickland agreed saying he didn't think you could discharge that.

Ms. Neisess said it's just to get some of the sand and dirt as it comes across the parking lot.

Mr. Strickland said as long as it's not actual pre-treatment, it's more of a catchment facility, that's fine. We just don't want that pre-treatment in there.

Ms. Neisess said it's not a pre-treatment, it's a sand separator. Similar to what we had in the front parking lot.

Lana Carter said we put one similar to that by the new school in Spring Creek and it takes the water in and goes into an underground chamber infiltration system. It's not for polluted water, its simply to keep the sediment out.

Mr. Strickland said he would prefer they call it a sediment trap on the plan rather than a pre-treatment vault.

Ms. Neisess said she would have them review that.

C. Review City of Elko Stormwater Permit – A review of ongoing enforcement of the City of Elko's MS4 Permit, and projects associated with the MS4 Permit. **DISCUSSION ITEM**

Mr. Strickland said Adeline Thibault sent him an email and wanted them to discuss the sand/ oil separator, the outfall by Boot Barn and doing more collaboration to help maintain that outfall going forward.

Ms. Neisess said they did have the two sediment and one sand/oil treatment vault in the front of our yard.

Mr. Strickland felt it might reduce that issue. Ms. Thibault presented the stormwater model to all 5<sup>th</sup> graders on October 22<sup>nd</sup> in Lamoille. She worked with Nevada Outdoor Schools to get some of the storm drains painted over the summer. He felt that was a good program and really brought public attention to the fact that all the stormwater outfalls drop back into the Humboldt River. Ms. Thibault spoke to the GBC Biology majors about her position at the city and her environmental field. She started on the reports that are due December 1<sup>st</sup>. NDEP decided they would not continue with our audit due to the change in personnel, they will re-audit the city in the near future. She was still working on the operational manual for the city. We have had no enforcement issues or illicit discharges during the dry months.

Ms. Neisess asked if the city was monitoring the Boot Barn outfall.

Mr. Strickland answered yes.

Ms. Neisess asked how often it was monitored.

Mr. Strickland explained he wasn't sure what the requirement was but assumed it being done quarterly.

Mr. Thibault said he thought it was monthly and twice a month in the summer.

Ms. Neisess asked if that data would be available.

Mr. Strickland answered yes.

Ms. Neisess said they do monitor their sand/oil vault in the front but do not monitor their other one in the parking area.

Mr. Strickland said once the new construction was complete they could reevaluate that to see if it eliminates the amount of material that's getting to the outfall behind Boot Barn.

- A. Review, consideration and possible election of a member to the Stormwater Advisory Committee for the two-year term starting September 25, 2018 and ending June 30, 2020, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**No action was taken.**

## **SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

December 11, 2018

## **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

*There were no public comments.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

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**Dennis Strickland**  
**Chairman, Stormwater Advisory Committee (SWAC)**